GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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GOODS SOLD AFTER EXPIRY DATE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints regarding sale of consumer goods, both Indian and imported, after the lapse of their expiry date have been received by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the details of rules regarding such violations alongwith the nature of action recommended thereunder against the violators; and

(d) the number of cases registered against such violators alongwith the action taken thereon during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): No such specific complaint regarding sale of consumer goods after lapse of expiry date has been received by the Central Government.

(c) : In case of food products, the date of expiry is required to be mentioned on the label as per Rule 32 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955. Violation of the above provision is punishable under section 16 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. In case of Drugs, labeling requirements are mentioned in Rule 97 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945. Violation of these provisions is punishable under section 27 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

(d) : Does not arise, in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.